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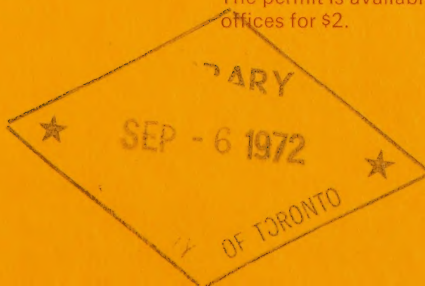
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Abstract

When hunting or transporting migratory game birds, you must have on your person a valid Canada Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit in addition to any required provincial hunting licence.

The permit is available at post offices for \$2.



Regulations for hunters of migratory game birds

Districts

- The Northern District of Ontario comprises the Territorial Districts of Kenora, Patricia, Rainy River, Thunder Bay, Cochrane, and Timiskaming, and those portions of Algoma, Sudbury, and Nipissing lying northerly of Highway 17 between Mattawa and Spragge, a line from Highway 17 in Spragge to the angle in the International Boundary north of Cockburn Island, and the westerly continuation of the International Boundary.
- The Southern District of Ontario comprises the counties of Brant, Dufferin, Elgin, Haldimand, Halton, Kent, Lambton, Lincoln, Middlesex, Norfolk, Oxford, Perth, Waterloo, Welland, Wellington, Wentworth ; and the townships of Hays, Stephen and Usborne in Huron County.
- The Central District of Ontario comprises all that part of the province which is not included in Essex County, or in the Northern and Southern Districts.

Hunting near James Bay

- No person who resides more than 25 miles from James Bay shall, within 25 miles of James Bay, kill more than three times the daily bag limit for geese during any one season.

Equipment

- No person shall hunt using a shotgun of any kind capable of holding more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined ; a rifle or shotgun loaded with a single bullet ; or any weapon other than a long bow and arrow or a shotgun not larger than number 10 gauge.
- No person shall have with him, for his own use, more than one shotgun, unless each shotgun in excess of one is disassembled or unloaded and cased.
- No person shall shoot from any aircraft, sailboat, or motorized vehicle, or any vehicle to which a draught animal is attached.
- No person shall use a power boat, except that in Ontario migratory game birds may be shot from a power boat that is beached, resting at anchor, or fastened within or tied immediately alongside any type of fixed hunting blind.
- Use of layout boats is permitted on the Great Lakes excluding connecting rivers, Lake St. Clair, Rondeau Bay and waters off Norfolk County.
- No person shall use a boat, aircraft, or motor vehicle to disturb birds with the object of driving them towards a hunter.
- No person shall place blinds or decoys more than 200 yards from the shore of a body of water, or from a natural rush bed thick enough to conceal a boat, or from a waterline bounding private property.
- No person shall use more than one flock of decoys at a time.
- No person shall use a flock of more than 50 decoys (100 in the case of two persons hunting together).
- No person shall place a flock of decoys within 100 yards of another flock of decoys.

Time

- No person shall hunt at any time throughout the year except during the open season as described in the schedule.
- No person shall hunt during any day after he has taken his bag limit.
- No person shall hunt earlier than one-half hour before sunrise or later than one-half hour after sunset.

Place

- No person shall hunt within one-quarter mile of any area baited with grain or other food.

Retrieval

- No person shall retrieve a dead or injured migratory game bird by use of a power boat, while that person is in possession of a loaded firearm ; or where, in order to recover the bird, it is necessary for that person to travel a distance of more than two hundred yards from the place at which that person was located when the bird was shot.
- No person shall kill, cripple or wound a migratory game bird without making all reasonable efforts to retrieve it and include it in his daily bag limit. The retrieved bird shall be killed immediately and included in the hunter's daily bag limit.

Possession and transport

- No person shall possess or transport a migratory game bird unless at least one wing and the plumage thereof remains attached to the bird. Such a wing and plumage may be removed
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 - b. after the bird is taken to the residence of the owner for preservation.

Eggs and nests

- No person shall take, injure, or destroy the eggs of nests of migratory birds at any time.

Uses

- No person shall buy or sell migratory birds or their eggs or nests.
- No person shall waste or wantonly dispose of a migratory game bird killed or retrieved by him or in his possession.

Penalty

Every person who violates any provision of this act or any regulation shall, for each offence, be liable upon summary conviction to a fine of not more than \$300. and not less than \$10., or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both fine and imprisonment.

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Open seasons – All dates inclusive

Area	Ducks, rails, coots, gallinules, and Wilson's Snipe	Geese	Woodcock
Northern District	Sept 15 to Dec 16	Sept 15 to Dec 16	Sept 15 to Dec 16
Central District	Sept 23 to Dec 16	Sept 23 to Dec 16	Sept 23 to Dec 16
Southern District	11 :00 a.m. EST Sept 30 to Dec 16	11 :00 a.m. EST Sept 30 to Dec 16	Sept 30 to Dec 16
Essex County	11 :00 a.m. EST Sept 30 to Dec 16	11 :00 a.m. EST Sept 30 to Dec 30	Sept 30 to Dec 16

Bag and possession limits

	Ducks	Geese	Rails, coots, galli- nules	Wilson's Snipe	Wood- cock
Daily bag	5 a. b. d.	5 f.	5	10	8
Possession	10 a. c. e.	10 f.	10	20	16


- No limit on Red-breasted and American mergansers.
- Except that not more than 1 Canvasback and 3 Redhead ducks may be taken daily.
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- Except that on and after October 11, 2 additional scaup or goldeneye may be taken per day.
- Except that after October 11, 4 additional scaup or goldeneye may be possessed.
- There is no open season for geese in the counties of Wellington and Waterloo or in the townships of Normanby, Egremont and Proton in Grey County, East Luther in Dufferin County, and South Dumfries in Brant County, South Walsingham Township in Norfolk County, and those portions of Mono Township in Dufferin County, Tay Township in Simcoe County and Camden Township in Lennox and Addington County.

Note

The above is a summary of the law. For complete information write

Director, Canadian Wildlife Service,

•Department of the Environment, Ottawa, Ontario.



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